

AWARDS

ACVS FOUNDATION LYNN WHEATON PHILANTHROPY AWARD



Shannon K. Reed, DVM, MS
Diplomate, ACVS
(Large Animal)

Shannon K. Reed, DVM, MS, Diplomate, ACVS (Large Animal), is the 2024 recipient of the ACVS Foundation Lynn Wheaton Philanthropy Award that recognizes ACVS Diplomates who demonstrate intentional and altruistic social responsibility through their work with their community, an association, or other nonprofit organization. Recipients give their time and talent to positively impact the quality of life of people and animals and show generosity of spirit and civic responsibility.

Dr. Reed is recognized for her outstanding contributions to the Retired Racehorse Project (RRP) and veterinary education. RRP facilitates the placement of Thoroughbred ex-racehorses in second careers in equestrian sports. Dr. Reed has worked with the RRP for over ten years and has developed several programs related to the Thoroughbred Makeover, the RRP's flagship program.

She implemented a required arrival exam for participants that emphasizes soundness, body condition, and microchipping. This program protects the well-being of the horses and is a groundbreaking solution to improve equine welfare standards. Her work earned her the ASPCA Good People for Good Horses Award in 2020 and the Retired Racehorse Project Thoroughbred Ambassador Award in 2021.

Dr. Reed designed a veterinary student volunteer program that invites students to participate in the arrival exams with veterinarians passionate about the equine industry. This program helps to address the decline in the number of veterinarians entering equine practice. She arranges travel stipends and housing for the students and provides proctored examinations, if necessary, so the students' education is not affected during their time away.

Dr. Reed also developed a mentorship program for horse owners taking part in the Thoroughbred Makeover. This program has increased the owners' knowledge and skills and improved the well-being of RRP horses.

"Dr. Reed's commitment to improving the lives of veterinary students is touching, and I aspire to someday use my skills and training to give back to the community the way she has."

—Laura Willis, Ontario Veterinary College, Class of 2025 Co-President

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